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June 29, 2010

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION: ADOPT A RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR
THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
NATURE EDUCATION FACILITIES PROGRAM
(SECOND, FOURTH, AND FIFTH DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Request to adopt a Resolution authorizing the submission of four competitive grant applications to the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation's Nature Education Facilities Program. This program is funded by the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84).

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the Carver Park Nature Education Center; Deane Dana Friendship Park Nature Center Observation Stations and Interpretive Signage; Eaton Canyon Nature Center and Natural Area Solar Power, Interpretive Signage and Interactive Computer Display; and Placerita Canyon Nature Center Exhibits are categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act according to Sections 15301 (a) (c), 15302 (c), 15303 (d) (e), 15304, and 15311 (a) of the State California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines and Classes 1, 2, 3, 4, and 11 of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, because the projects involve minor alteration/reconstruction, replacement of existing structures or facilities, new construction of small structures on existing facilities as well as installation of new accessory structures and minor alterations to land.

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2. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the submittal of four competitive grant applications to the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation under the Nature Education Facilities Program for the following projects:
 - Carver Park Nature Education Center;
 - Deane Dana Friendship Park Nature Center Observation Stations and Interpretive Signage;
 - Eaton Canyon Nature Center and Natural Area Solar Power, Interpretive Signage and Interactive Computer Display; and
 - Placerita Canyon Nature Center Exhibits
3. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, or his designee, as agent of the County of Los Angeles, to accept the grant, conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including but not limited to the project grant agreements, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the award and acceptance of grant funds.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of these recommended actions is to complete the grant submission process by the July 1, 2010 application deadline as required by the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation's Nature Education Facilities grant guidelines for the following proposed projects. This grant program does not require a funding match.

Carver Park Nature Education Center (Second District)

The proposed project will be located at 1400 East. 118th Street, in Los Angeles. The scope of work will include renovation of the existing community and administration buildings, the installation of a nature exhibits, a new outdoor natural habitat and demonstration garden, landscaping, educational signage, drinking fountains, benches, tables, bicycle racks, solar security lighting, bioswales; and a solar-powered irrigation system.

Deane Dana Friendship Park Nature Center Observation Stations and Interpretive Signage (Fourth District)

The proposed project will be located at 1805 West. 9th Street, in San Pedro. The scope of work will include two observation stations with deck railings, shade trellis, benches, and viewing scopes. These amenities will allow for the interpretation and observation of the coastal sage scrub habitat area and the federally endangered Palos Verdes Blue Butterfly.

Eaton Canyon Nature Center and Natural Area Solar Power, Interpretive Signage and Interactive Computer Display (SD5)

The proposed project will be located at 1750 North. Altadena Drive, in Pasadena. The scope of work will include energy efficient improvements to Eaton Canyon Nature Center and Natural Area by installing solar panels. Additional amenities will include an interactive computer museum display in the Nature Center, and a trail-side solar panel with an interpretive signage.

Placerita Canyon Nature Center Exhibits (SD5)

The proposed project will be located at 19152 Placerita Canyon Road, in Newhall. The scope of work will include flightless and full flight outdoor bird aviaries in the Courtyard, mounted viewing scopes, interpretive signage, reptile/animal enclosures, exhibit cases for the Observation Deck, Classroom/Discovery Lab, and Museum/Gallery.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions meet the County's approved Strategic Plan Goals of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1), by maximizing the effectiveness of the County's processes, structure, and operations to support timely delivery of customer-oriented and efficient public services; Children, Family and Adult Well-Being (Goal 2), by promoting outdoor recreation; and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3), by enriching the lives of Los Angeles County's residents and visitors by providing access to cultural, recreational and learning facilities programs, and ensuring quality regional open space.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Approval of the recommended actions will not have an impact on net County cost. The grant program does not require a funding match.

The estimated cost and grant request for the Carver Park Nature Education Center Project is \$2,676,250.

The estimated cost and grant request for the Deane Dana Friendship Nature Center Observation Stations and Interpretive Signage Project is \$179,231.

The estimated cost and grant request for the Eaton Canyon Nature Center and Natural Area Solar Power, Interpretive Signage and Interactive Computer Display Project is \$968,121.

The estimated cost and grant request for the Placerita Canyon Nature Center Exhibits Project is \$999,812.

Operating Budget Impact

The recommended actions allow the Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) to propose park development projects for grant funding. Additional operating costs may materialize, but is dependent on which project(s) is awarded by the grantor. The Department will identify the additional operating costs upon award and acceptance of grant funds.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On November 7, 2006, California voters passed the \$5.4 billion Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84). Funding for the Statewide Park Program was made available through the Sustainable Communities and Climate Change Reduction chapter in Proposition 84.

The \$93 million Nature Education Facilities Program is administered by California State Parks and provides funds to counties, cities, districts, non-profits, and California State agencies. The grant funds will be available for one funding cycle only. The program awards grants on a competitive basis. Eligible projects are for the development, including construction and renovation, of nature education facilities, buildings, structures and exhibit galleries. The project must provide nature education that includes focused learning about the natural environment that inspires environmental stewardship and meet one of the following objectives: combine the study of natural science with preservation, demonstration, and education programs that serve diverse populations; provide collections and programs related to the relationship of Native American cultures to the environment; or conduct marine wildlife conservation research.

Acquisition projects are not eligible. Also, the grant cannot be used to fund or develop programs.

The application deadline is July 1, 2010.

Adoption of the attached Resolution is required in order to establish the Board's intent to apply for State grant funds. Notification of award is scheduled to be announced in December 2010, and grantees will receive a contract with the award letter.

The Department is required to include Grant Management Statement forms when filing a Board letter for grants of \$100,000, or more. The Grant Management Statement forms for the proposed projects are attached.

If the grant(s) is awarded, a grant agreement(s) must be executed between the Department and California State Parks. The Department must comply with all the requirements set forth in the Grantor's procedural guide. The grant performance period would be from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2017.

County Counsel has reviewed this letter and approved the Resolution as to form.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed Carver Park Nature Education Center is categorically exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to Sections 15301 (a) (c), 15303 (e), 15304, and 15311 (a) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Classes 1, 3, 4, and 11 of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, because the project involves minor alteration/reconstruction and new construction of small structures on existing facilities as well as installation of new accessory structures and minor alteration to land.

The proposed Deane Dana Friendship Park Nature Center Observation Stations and Interpretive Signs are categorically exempt from CEQA according to Sections 15303 (e) and 15311 (a) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Classes 3 and 11 of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, because the project involves new construction of small structures on existing facilities as well as installation of new accessory structures.

The proposed Eaton Canyon Nature Center and Natural Area Solar Power, Interpretive Signage and Interactive Computer Display are categorically exempt from CEQA according to Sections 15301 (a), 15303 (d) (e), and 15311 (a) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Classes 1, 3, and 11 of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, because the project involves minor alteration to land, new electrical/utility extension, new construction of small structures in existing facilities as well as installation of new accessory structures.

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The proposed Placerita Canyon Nature Center Exhibits are categorically exempt from CEQA according to Sections 15301 (a), and 15303 (e) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Classes 1 and 3 of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, because the project involves minor alteration and new construction of small structures on existing facilities.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The proposed actions will not have any impact on current services or projects.

CONCLUSION

It is requested that one adopted copy of this Board letter be forwarded to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects Division; and to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,



WILLIAM T FUJIOKA
Chief Executive Officer

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Attachments

c: Executive Office, Board of Supervisors
County Counsel
Parks and Recreation

Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office
Grant Management Statement for Grants \$100,000 or More

Department: County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation

Grant Project Title and Description

Eaton Canyon Nature Center and Natural Area Solar Power, Interpretive Signage and Interactive Computer Display -

The proposed project will be located at 1750 N. Altadena Dr., in Pasadena. The scope of work will include energy efficient improvements to Eaton Canyon Nature Center and Natural Area by installing solar panels. Additional amenities will include an interactive computer museum display in the Nature Center, and a trail-side solar panel with an interpretive signage.

Funding Agency

California State Parks

Program (Fed. Grant #/State Bill or Code #)

Proposition 84 – Nature Education
Facilities Program

**Grant Acceptance
Deadline**

JULY 1, 2010

Total Amount of Grant Funding: \$968,121

County Match: None

Grant Period: 8 years from appropriation

Begin Date: 7/1/2009

End Date: 6/30/2017

Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant:

Full Time: N/A

Part Time: N/A

Obligations Imposed on the County When the Grant Expires

Will all personnel hired for this program be informed this is a grant-funded program? N/A

Yes:

No:

Will all personnel hired for this program be placed on temporary ("N") items? N/A

Yes:

No:

Is the County obligated to continue this program after the grant expires?

Yes: X

No:

If the County is not obligated to continue this program after the grant expires, the Department will:

a.) Absorb the program cost without reducing other services

Yes:

No:

b.) Identify other revenue sources (describe below)

Yes:

No:

c.) Eliminate or reduce, as appropriate, positions/program costs funded by the grant.

Yes:

No:

Impact of additional personnel on existing space:

Other requirements not mentioned above:

Department Head Signature: _____

Date: 6-16-10

Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office
Grant Management Statement for Grants \$100,000 or More

Department: County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation

Grant Project Title and Description

Placerita Canyon Nature Center Exhibits -

The proposed project will be located at 19152 Placerita Canyon Rd., in Newhall. The scope of work will include flightless and full flight outdoor bird aviaries in the Courtyard, mounted viewing scopes, interpretive signage, and reptile/animal enclosures, exhibit cases for the Observation Deck, Classroom/Discovery Lab and Museum/Gallery.

Funding Agency

California State Parks

Program (Fed. Grant #/State Bill or Code #)

Proposition 84 – Nature Education
Facilities Program

**Grant Acceptance
Deadline**

July 1, 2010

Total Amount of Grant Funding: \$999,812

County Match: None

Grant Period: 8 years from appropriation

Begin Date: 7/1/2009

End Date: 6/30/2017

Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant:

Full Time: N/A

Part Time: N/A

Obligations Imposed on the County When the Grant Expires

Will all personnel hired for this program be informed this is a grant-funded program? N/A

Yes:

No:

Will all personnel hired for this program be placed on temporary ("N") items? N/A

Yes:

No:

Is the County obligated to continue this program after the grant expires?

Yes: X

No:

If the County is not obligated to continue this program after the grant expires, the Department will:

a.) Absorb the program cost without reducing other services

Yes:

No:

b.) Identify other revenue sources (describe below)

Yes:

No:

c.) Eliminate or reduce, as appropriate, positions/program costs funded by the grant.

Yes:

No:

Impact of additional personnel on existing space:

Other requirements not mentioned above:

Department Head Signature: 

Date: 6-16-10

Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office

Grant Management Statement for Grants \$100,000 or More

Department: County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation

Grant Project Title and Description

Carver Park Nature Education Center- The proposed project will be located at 1400 E. 118th St, in Los Angeles. The scope of work will include renovation of the existing community and administration buildings and the installation of nature exhibits, a new outdoor natural habitat and demonstration garden, landscaping, educational signage, drinking fountains, benches, tables, bicycle racks, solar security lighting, bioswale, and a solar powered irrigation system.

Funding Agency

California State Parks

Program (Fed. Grant #/State Bill or Code #)

Proposition 84 – Nature Education
Facilities Program

Grant Acceptance Deadline

JULY 1, 2010

Total Amount of Grant Funding: \$2,676,250

County Match: None

Grant Period: 8 years from appropriation

Begin Date: 7/1/2009

End Date: 6/30/2017

Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant:

Full Time: N/A

Part Time: N/A

Obligations Imposed on the County When the Grant Expires

Will all personnel hired for this program be informed this is a grant-funded program? N/A	Yes:	No:
Will all personnel hired for this program be placed on temporary ("N") items? N/A	Yes:	No:
Is the County obligated to continue this program after the grant expires?	Yes: X	No:
If the County is not obligated to continue this program after the grant expires, the Department will: N/A		
a.) Absorb the program cost without reducing other services	Yes:	No:
b.) Identify other revenue sources (describe below)	Yes:	No:
c.) Eliminate or reduce, as appropriate, positions/program costs funded by the grant.	Yes:	No:

Impact of additional personnel on existing space:

Other requirements not mentioned above:

Department Head Signature:



Date: 6-16-10

Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office

Grant Management Statement for Grants \$100,000 or More

Department: County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation

Grant Project Title and Description

Deane Dana Friendship Park Nature Center Observation Stations and Interpretive Signage-
The proposed project will be located at 1805 W. 9th St, in San Pedro. The scope of work will include two observation stations with deck railings, shade trellis, benches and viewing scopes. These amenities will allow for the interpretation and observation of the coastal sage scrub habitat area and the federally endangered Palos Verdes Blue Butterfly.

Funding Agency

California State Parks

Program (Fed. Grant #/State Bill or Code #)

Proposition 84 – Nature Education
Facilities Program

Grant Acceptance Deadline

JULY 1, 2010

Total Amount of Grant Funding: \$179,231

County Match: None

Grant Period: 8 years from appropriation

Begin Date: 7/1/2009

End Date: 6/30/2017

Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant:

Full Time: N/A

Part Time: N/A

Obligations Imposed on the County When the Grant Expires

Will all personnel hired for this program be informed this is a grant-funded program? N/A

Yes:

No:

Will all personnel hired for this program be placed on temporary ("N") items? N/A

Yes:

No:

Is the County obligated to continue this program after the grant expires?

Yes: X

No:

If the County is not obligated to continue this program after the grant expires, the Department will:

a.) Absorb the program cost without reducing other services

Yes:

No:

b.) Identify other revenue sources (describe below)

Yes:

No:

c.) Eliminate or reduce, as appropriate, positions/program costs funded by the grant.

Yes:

No:

Impact of additional personnel on existing space:

Other requirements not mentioned above:

Department Head Signature:



Date: 6-16-10

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
THE COUNTY OF LOSANGELES
APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATIONS
AND AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS FOR
NATURE EDUCATION FACILITY PROGRAM FUNDS
*Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal
Protection Bond Act of 2006***

WHEREAS, the State Department of Parks and Recreation has been delegated the responsibility by the Legislature of the State of California for the administration of the Nature Education Facilities Program, setting up necessary procedures governing the Application; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the State Department of Parks and Recreation require the applicant to certify by resolution the approval of application(s) before submission of said application(s) to the State; and

WHEREAS, the applicant will enter into a contract with the State of California to complete the PROJECTS;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors hereby:

1. Approves the filing of the applications for the following projects:
 - Carver Park Nature Education Center
 - Deane Dana Friendship Park Nature Center Observation Stations and Interpretive Signage
 - Eaton Canyon Nature Center and Natural Area Solar Power, Interpretive Signage and Interactive Computer Display
 - Placerita Canyon Nature Center Exhibits
2. Certifies that said applicant has or will have available, prior to commencement of any work on the projects included in this application, the sufficient funds to complete the projects should this grant be awarded; and
3. Certifies that the applicant has or will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the projects; and
4. Certifies that the applicant has reviewed, understands, and agrees to the General Provisions contained in the contract shown in the Grant Administration Guide; and
5. Certifies that the projects are consistent with the applicable city or county, or appropriate planning document, as the case may be; and

6. Delegates the authority to the Director of Parks and Recreation, or his designee, to accept the grant, if awarded, conduct all negotiations, sign and submit all documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the project; and
7. Agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and guidelines.

The foregoing resolution was on the _____ day of _____, 2010, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.

SACHI A. HAMAI, Executive Officer-
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
of the County of Los Angeles

By _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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County Counsel

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Principal Deputy County Counsel